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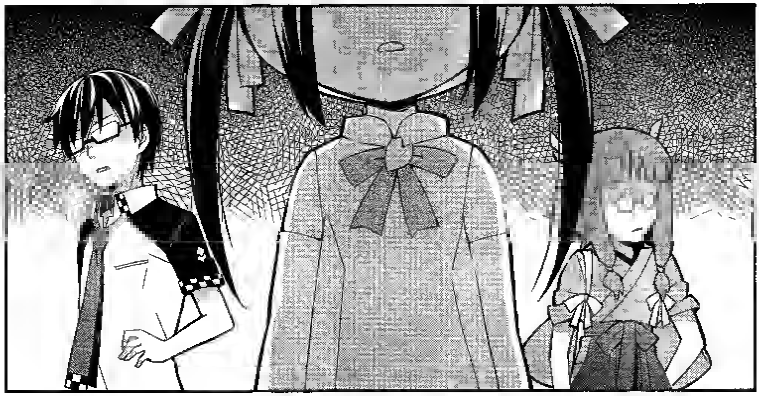

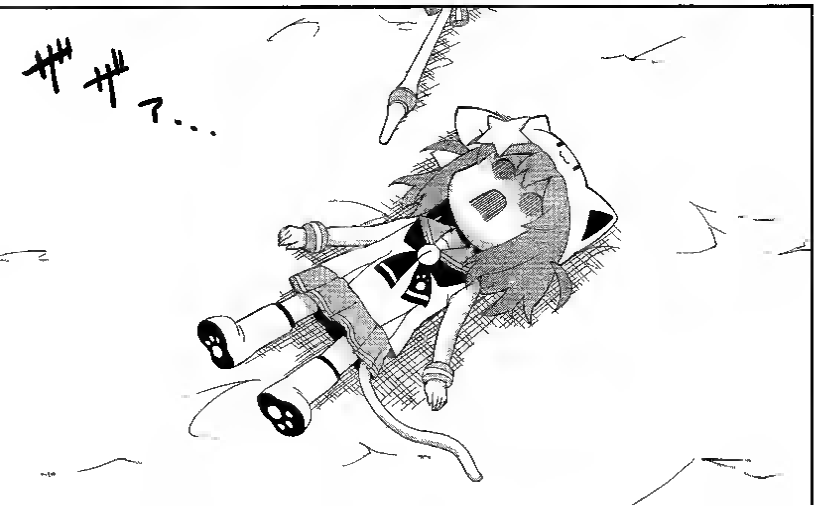
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LOST AGAAA AAAAA AAAIN!!
EVEN AFTER RAISING ALL THE VICTORY FLAGS...
All of them?
RIGHT,
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, STOP RIGHT THERE!
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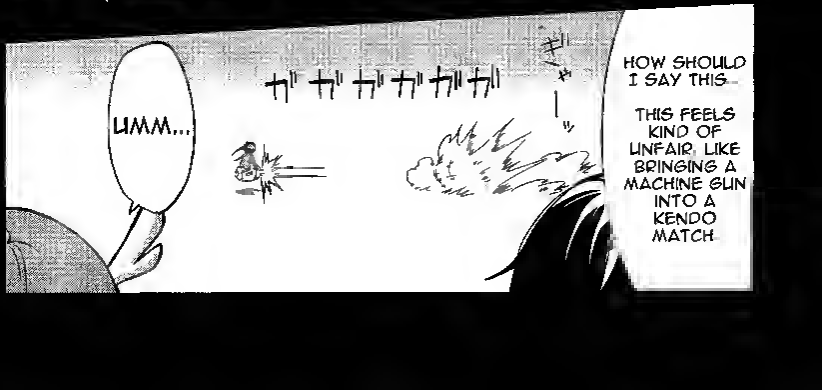
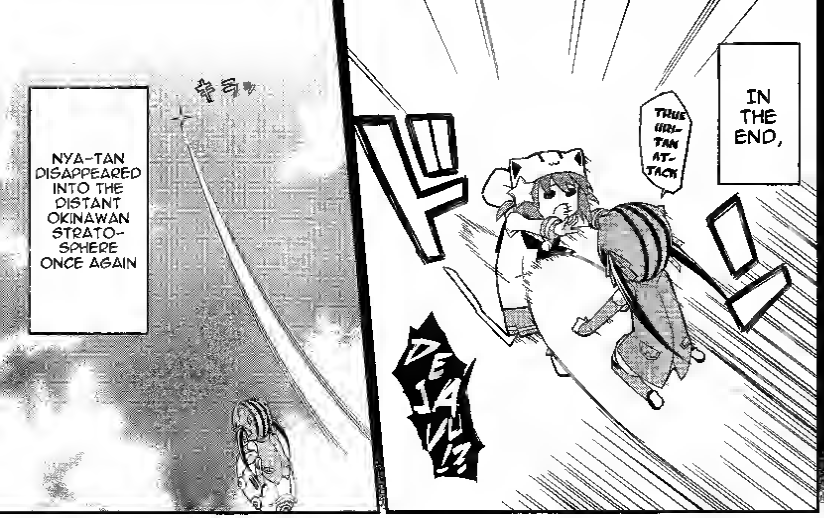
WE'D BETTER STOP BEFORE NYA-TAN REALLY DIES
I'M SUS-PENDING THIS FIGHT FOR NOW!
DRAW! DRAW!
FINE.

I WONDER WHY
EVEN THOUGH I HAD ALREADY COMPLETED ALL THE TRAINING
UH, NYA-TAN,
ACTUALLY, YOUR TRAINING IS STILL AT ITS BEGINNING PHASE AS OF NOW, I'M AFRAID
W-WAIT, WHAT!?
OF COURSE IT WON'T JUST END WITH MEDITATION TRAINING
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN RIDICU-LOUSLY EASY FOR YOU
BUT, YOU KNOW...
LOOKING BACK AT THE MATCH JUST NOW, I'M BEGINNING TO DOUBT THAT JUST PLAIN TRAINING WILL BE ENOUGH
IT'S NOT THE MATTER OF WILLPOWER OR STRENGTH...
BUT RATHER, THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR WEAPONS' FIREPOWER

*TN NOTE: 'MOMIJI NABE', OR 'MAPLE HOT POT', IS A JAPANESE HOT POT DISH CONSISTING MAINLY OF VENISON




IN THE END,
THUE IIRI-TAN AT-TACK
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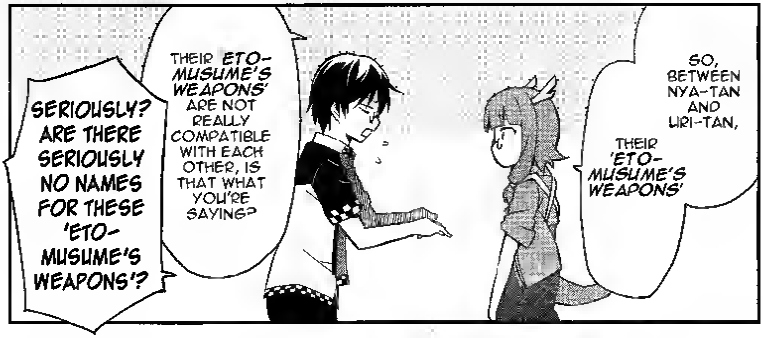
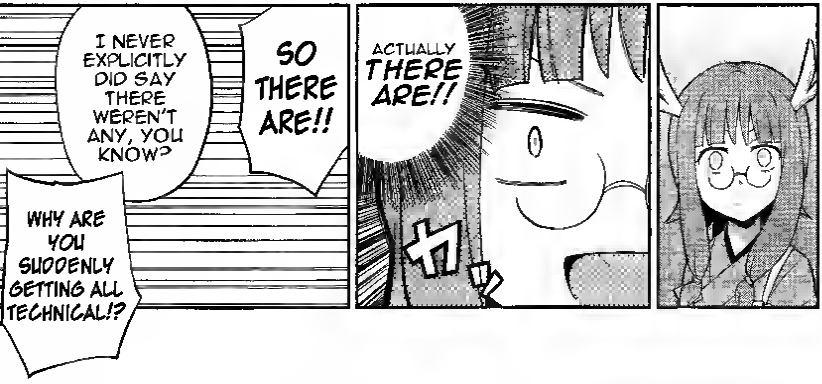
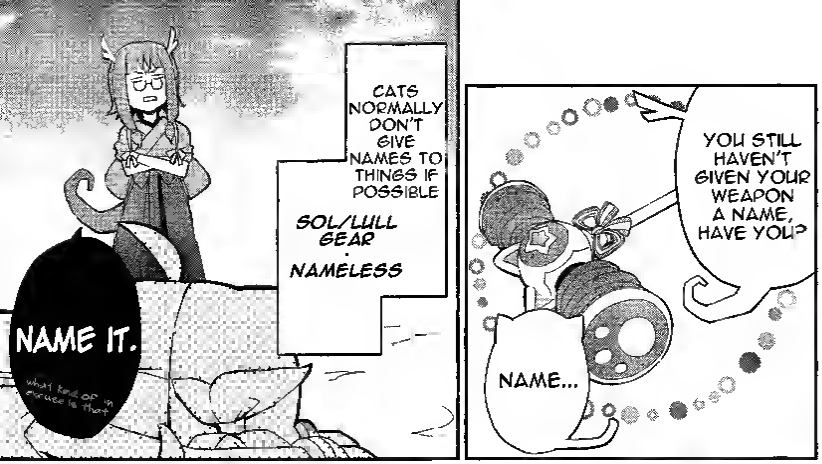
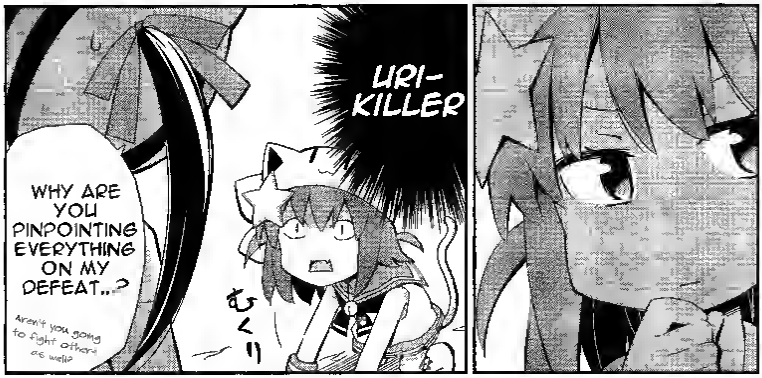
DEATH!?
NYA-TAN DISAPPEARED INTO THE DISTANT OKINAWAN STRATO-SPHERE ONCE AGAIN


SO, BETWEEN NYA-TAN AND IIRI-TAN,
THEIR 'ETO-MUSUME'S WEAPONS'
THEIR 'ETO-MUSUME'S WEAPONS' ARE NOT REALLY COMPATIBLE WITH EACH OTHER, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
SERIOUSLY? ARE THERE SERIOUSLY NO NAMES FOR THESE 'ETO-MUSUME'S WEAPONS'?


ACTUALLY THERE ARE!!
SO THERE ARE!!
I NEVER EXPLICITLY DID SAY THERE WEREN'T ANY, YOU KNOW?
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY GETTING ALL TECHNICAL!?

'SOL/LULL GEARS' (MOE POWER EQUIPMENT) IS WHAT THEY'RE CALLED
SOL/LULL... GEARS...
GEAAAAAAAAAAAGH!
WHO WAS THAT!?
WHO JUST MADE THAT STUPID PUN!?
IT WAS NYAA!!
SHE SUDDENLY STARTED THROWING HER HAMMER AROUND WILDLY...
and she accidentally
Did someone just faint
RATE THIS CREATIVE GENIUS OF MINE, TURNING THIS HAMMER INTO AN IMPROVISED LONG-RANGE WEAPON...!
5.
STOP YOUR FUTILE STRUGGLING.
RIGHT NOW, WITH YOUR SKILLS, YOU CAN'T BEAT ANYONE.
BUT, IF YOU TRAIN HARD AND LEARN HOW TO HANDLE YOUR SOL/LULL GEAR PROPERLY...
...BY THE WAY,


CATS NORMALLY DON'T GIVE NAMES TO THINGS IF POSSIBLE
SOL/LULL GEAR
NAMELESS
NAME IT.
what kind of insult is that
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN YOUR WEAPON A NAME, HAVE YOU?
NAME...


URI-KILLER
WHY ARE YOU PINPOINTING EVERYTHING ON MY DEFEAT..?
Aren't you going to fight others as well?
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TN NOTE LITERALLY CAT-PLAY COMMONLY KNOWN AS FOXTAIL
Tsun
HOW ABOUT NYA-TAN HAMMERR RRRRRR RRRRRR!!
THAT'S TOO SIMPLE
OK DESPERATION
SO YOU WANT TO GET PLAYED WITH?
NEKO-JARA-SHI
TOO DISTURB-ING
MASSA-CRE

Name:
Nya-tan Hammer
EHH!?
SIMPLE, I LIKE THAT!
LET'S GO WITH THAT THEN.
JUST FOR THE RECORDS, WHAT'S THE NAME OF URI-TAN'S GEAR?
WELL, MINE IS .
wait
NYAA CAN GUESS IT.
'URI-TAN POTTY'
IT'S NOT A TOILET!!
But it's round!
SO WHAT!?
DUUUUUUUN
MY SOUL GEAR IS CALLED 'The Boar of Erymanthos'
C-COOL!!

...THOUGH I DID SAY THAT,
THERE ARE NO WATERFALLS IN OKINAWA, ARE THERE?
WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF AN ALTERNATIVE, FAST
WELL THEN, LET'S GET TO THE SECOND PART OF YOUR 'MIND TRAINING'
WATER-FALL MEDI-TATION
*Don't actually do sg cuts under a waterfall, it's dangerous
OBVIOUSLY
I'LL DIE!!
BEFORE THAT,
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD BE ABLE TO CONCEN-TRATE LIKE THAT...?
WHAT IF WE TIED UP NYA-TAN TO 'The Cool Boar of Erymanthos' AND DRAGGED HER ACROSS THE OCEAN SURFACE?
GYAAA
AND WHAT'S 'THAT'!?
IT WOULD BE A LITTLE LESS EFFECTIVE, BUT I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO TRY 'THAT'

SUN BATH-ING!?
NOW WE NEED TO FIND A WATER-MELON, PUT IT ON HER HEAD, AND SMASH IT OPEN.
DON'T!!
WHY IS TAKERU SUDDEN-LY SUCH A SPAR-TAN!?
FILLED UP
OKAY, A LITTLE MORE RIGHT, RIGHT—
LEFT
right there
SMASH!!
I'M NOT A WATER-MELON!!
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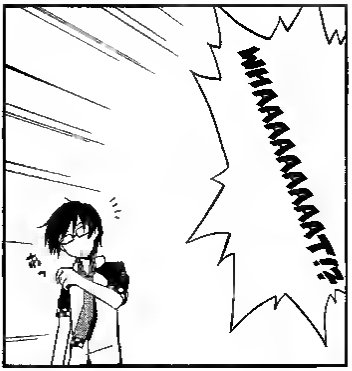
BUT YOU'RE FROM THE 'URI FAMILY'!
I'M NOT FROM 'THAT' FAMI-LY!!
TN NOTE: URI-KA OF THE URI FAMILY IS THE JAPANESE NAME FOR THE GOURD FAMILY OF PLANTS WHICH INCLUDES WATERMELONS

CAT LEFT ALONE
NOOOOOH
BY THE WAY...
SORRY, WE TOOK THE JOKE TOO FAR.
SHHHHHHH...
SERIOUSLY NOW...
WHY IS DORA-TAN LENDING HER POWERS TO HELP NYA-TAN?
WHY ASK THAT THIS LATE INTO THE STORY?
DO YOU THINK I HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVES BEHIND ALL THIS?
WELL, NOT EXACTLY THAT, BUT...
back to normal
NYA-TAN IS TECHNICALLY AN ENEMY OF DORA-TAN, RIGHT?
There's no need for fake animals in here!
IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, YOU COULD GET KICKED OUT OF THE ZODIAC.
GAH
"THE ETO-MUSUME WHO WINS THE ETM13 WILL GET INTO THE ZODIAC BY REPLACING ONE OF THE EXISTING ETO-SHIN AND KICKING HER OUT OF THE ZODIAC
YOU SAY THAT, BUT THAT ALSO APPLIES TO URI-TAN, DOESN'T IT?
BUT YOU SEE, URI-TAN IS...

...SHE IS A GOOD, VALUABLE CHARACTER WHO INSERTS TSUKKOMIS TO EVERYTHING
CAN'T DISAGREE WITH THAT
Don't get sparkling-eyed for that!
THOUGH I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I'M PRACTICALLY BEING FORCED TO!?
WELL, ON A SERIOUS NOTE, YOU COULD SAY THAT NYA-TAN AND WE SHARE A PARTLY COMMON GOAL
DESS DESS
GOAL...? WHAT'S THAT?
TO EAT ALL THE DELICIOUS FOOD, AND SPEND MY LIFE ROLLING AROUND THE HOUSE!!
GOAL
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BECOMING A ZODIAC?
SO, DOES THAT MEAN YOU ALL WANT TO LAZE AROUND DOING NOTHING?
WE DON'T.
NO DESS
IT'S FINE, EVEN THE CREATOR GOD RESTED ON THE 7TH DAY
WE DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THAT
NO DESS
NYAA DON'T WANT TO WOOOOOO OOOOOO OOOOOO OOOORK

SHEEP...!
COW...!
TAKERUSAN!!
NYA-TAAAAAN
THOSE ARE JUST ETO-SHINS YOU'RE WEAK AGAINST, AREN'T THEY?
WRONG
IT'S JUST THAT WHEN NYA-TAN WINS THE ETM19,
THERE'S AN ETO-SHIN WHOM WE WANT NYA-TAN TO REPLACE AND MAKE HER STEP DOWN
A SURPRISE!?
AH, SO IT WAS THE MOUSE? THAT RATHER COMES ACROSS AS A SURPRISE
THEY'RE THE REASON CATS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE ZODIAC, YOU KNOW?
IT'S THE MOUSE.
MOUSE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE GUESSED IT CORRECTLY WITHOUT ME TELLING YOU
HUH?
KAAH! KAAH!
THAT MAY BE SO, BUT NYAA...
CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO AIM THAT HATRED TOWARDS SUCH CUTE CREATURES LIKE HAMSTERS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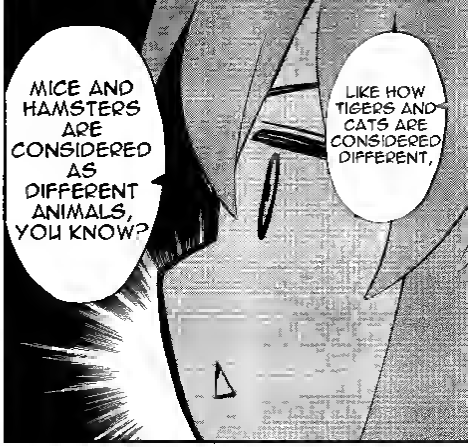
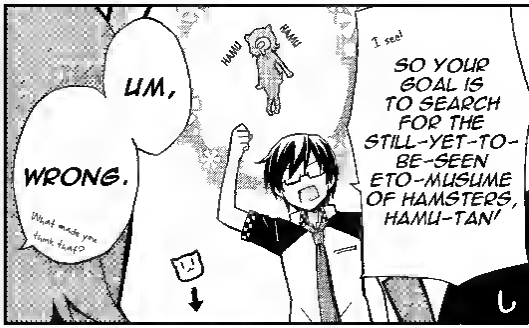
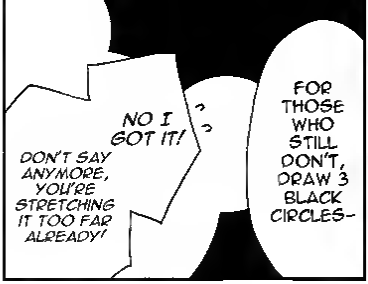

LIKE HOW TIGERS AND CATS ARE CONSIDERED DIFFERENT,
MICE AND HAMSTERS ARE CONSIDERED AS DIFFERENT ANIMALS, YOU KNOW?

DEAR GOD,
I THINK YET ANOTHER UNNECESSARY ETO-MUSUME WAS JUST BORN HERE

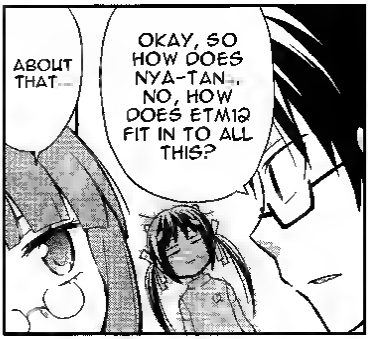

UM,
WRONG.
HAMU
HAMU
I see!
SO YOUR GOAL IS TO SEARCH FOR THE STILL-YET-TO-BE-SEEN ETO-MUSUME OF HAMSTERS, HAMU-TAN!

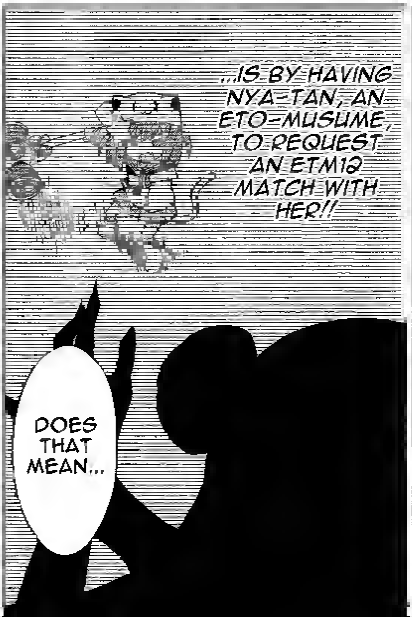
A DANGEROUS MOUSE WHO IS TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE HUMAN WORLD EVEN THOUGH AS AN ETO-SHIN SHE IS SUPPOSED TO GUARD IT
HER NAME IS CHUU-TAN OR SHI-SHUU
TO CONTINUE
Yes
Yes Yes
Oh

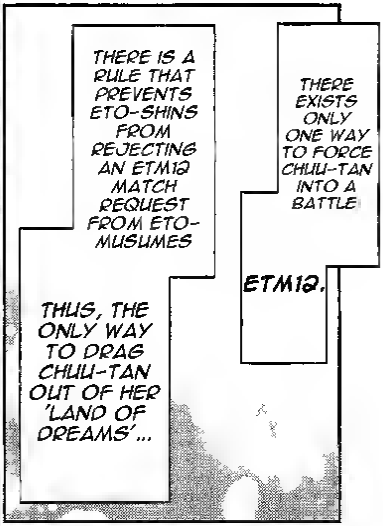
SHE BUILT A CITY IN CHIBA PREFACTURE WHERE SHE MADE HERSELF THE QUEEN
AND SHE IS PLANNING ON SLOWLY EXPANDING HER OWN TERRITORY.
I UNDERSTAND UNTIL THERE, BUT ..
CAN'T THE REST OF THE ZODIAC JOIN FORCES AND ATTACK HER ALL AT ONCE?
UNFORTUNATELY, CHUU-TAN HAD BUILT AN IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS WHERE SHE STAYS, SO WE CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CHIBA.
MOUSE.
THE REST, FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF.
CHIBA...
MOUSE...
DREAMS...
MAGIC...
WAIT, ANY MORE THAN THIS


FOR THOSE WHO STILL DON'T, DRAW 3 BLACK CIRCLES-
NO I GOT IT!
DON'T SAY ANYMORE, YOU'RE STRETCHING IT TOO FAR ALREADY!

EXACTLY
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY MORE WORDS, BECAUSE OF THAT.
I THINK YOU NOW UNDERSTAND FULLY, WHAT WE MEANT BY AN 'IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS'.


ABOUT THAT...
OKAY, SO HOW DOES NYA-TAN... NO, HOW DOES ETM1Q FIT IN TO ALL THIS?


...IS BY HAVING NYA-TAN, AN ETO-MUSUME, TO REQUEST AN ETM1Q MATCH WITH HER!!
DOES THAT MEAN...


THERE IS A RULE THAT PREVENTS ETO-SHINS FROM REJECTING AN ETM1Q MATCH REQUEST FROM ETO-MUSUMES
THUS, THE ONLY WAY TO DRAG CHUU-TAN OUT OF HER 'LAND OF DREAMS'...
THERE EXISTS ONLY ONE WAY TO FORCE CHUU-TAN INTO A BATTLE
ETM1Q.

COULD IT BE THAT THE REASON THE ALPACA ETO-MUSUME HASN'T SHOWN HERSELF TO ME IS A CONSPIRACY BY THIS 'CHUU-TAN' AND THAT?
JUST WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY EVEN SAYING?
By the way Paca-tan's fur has gotten prettier lately
EXACTLY!
AND YOU AFFIRMED IT!?
SO DO YOUR BEST, NYA-TAN! FOR ME, AND FOR PACA-TAN!
I REFUSE!!
IS THAT SO...?
I NOW UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION COMPLETELY, DORA-TAN
WELL, THAT WAS A LIE THOUGH!
I have an Annual Passport anyway
FROM WHERE TO WHERE!?
しれっ
ANYTHING RELATED TO THE 'LAND OF DREAMS' WAS A LIE DESS DESS
BUT I'D RATHER HAVE THAT BE THE REAL PART!
FAKE OR REAL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER -NYA

BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT NYAA...
...WILL WIN THE ETM12 AND BECOME A ZODIAC -NYA!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
THOUGH SAYING THAT WON'T MAKE YOU LOOK COOL, WITH THAT POSE

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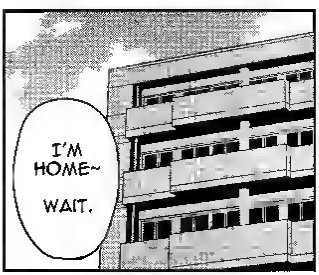
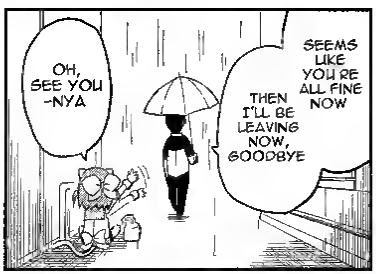
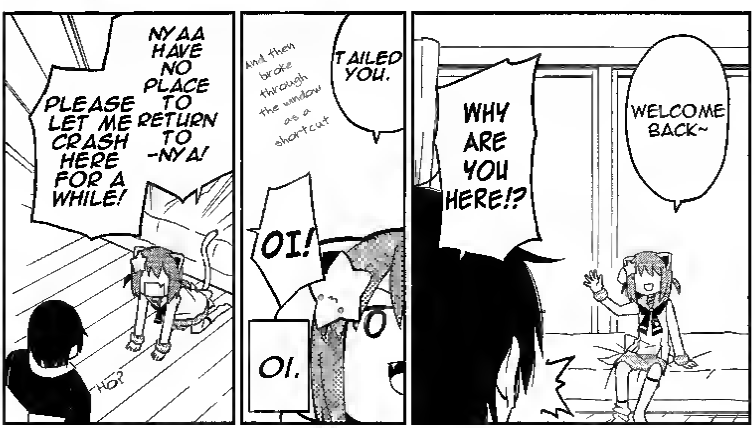
ONCE UPON A TIME, ON A RAINY DAY, TAKERU-SAN WAS WALKING DOWN A STREET
NARRATION: URI-TAN
NYA~
NO, A HUMAN!?
AH, WHAT'S WITH THAT COSPLAY?
A CAT?
NYAA
① Leave her alone
② I can't just leave her like this
③ Take her equipped items off
YOU OKAY?
IT'S NOT THAT UNUSUAL TO SEE A GIRL IN COSPLAY LYING DOWN ON THE STREET.
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS IS THE HOLY LAND WHERE ALL KINDS OF EVIL SPIRITS RUN RAMPANT, AKIHABARA

GUU...
SO HUNGRY
I'M NOT FROM ANY SHOP!
NYAA AM NOT!
WHICH SHOP ARE YOU FROM?
DON.
BEEF DON
DON
Cat Food
WELL, LET ME HEAR YOUR NAME, HUMAN.
ARE YOU IMPLYING YOU'RE NOT A HUMAN AS WELL?
YOU. FOR A HUMAN YOU'RE QUITE AN INTER-ESTING ONE.

AMA...
Amaterasu Oomikami.
THAT'S GOTTA BE FAKE!
AH, SO YOU REALIZED.
OF COURSE


I'M HOME~
WAIT.


SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ALL FINE NOW
THEN I'LL BE LEAVING NOW, GOODBYE
OH, SEE YOU -NYA


NYAA HAVE NO PLACE TO RETURN TO -NYA!
PLEASE LET ME CRASH HERE FOR A WHILE!
HO?
And then broke through the window as a shortcut
I TAILED YOU.
OI!
OI.
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
WELCOME BACK~

AND AFTER A LONG QUARREL, TAKERU-SAN FINALLY GAVE IN
Shan
Can't be helped
THE HEART THAT NEVER GIVES UP!
Kunnn
Hoicho
NO NEED FOR ALL THAT... I'M FINE AS LONG AS YOU AGREE TO SHARE THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES
LEAVE THE ROLE OF EVERYDAY HEALING OR PROVIDING WARMTH DURING WINTER TO ME!
OKAY~ LEAVE IT TO ME!
IT'S NYA-TAN -NYA!
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
REAL NAME ..
THAT'S MY REAL NAME!
Cause that was all a scrapped idea
NO IT DOESN'T!
THE STORY CONTINUES IN CHAPTER 1.
EEEEE EEEEE EEEEE EEEEE EEH!?
SHE ISN'T DOING IT.
Guu...

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